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A reading of claims follows:

Each of claims 2 through 9 are generic to all species.

Claim 10 is also generic in the sense of the Group I species.

Claim 11 is specific to the species of figure 8, but still comes within the elected group which does not exclude this type of laser diode.

Claims 12-16 are generic.

Claims 19-23 are generic.

Claims 25-41 are generic.

Claims 44-49 are generic.

Claims 52-59 are generic.

Claims 62-67 are generic.

Claims 70-75 are generic.

Claims 78-81 are generic.

Claims 84-87 are generic.

Claims 90-99 are also generic.

(Claims 100-117 are nonelected)

Claims 118-120 are generic.

Claims 122 is generic.

Claims 124-133 are also generic.

A notice on the merits is hence requested.